

**ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE MICHIGAN SPEED
MEASUREMENT TASK FORCE**
Michigan Speed Measurement Task Force
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The Office of Highway Safety Planning organized the Michigan Speed Measurement Task Force in 1978. Task Force membership was chosen to ensure representation from all key segments of the criminal justice system involved in radar speed enforcement. The following organizations are currently represented on the Task Force:

1. Michigan Sheriffs Association (M.S.A.)
2. Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (M.A.C.P.)
3. Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (M.C.O.L.E.S.)
4. Michigan District Judges Association (M.D.J.A.)
5. Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates (M.A.D.C.M.)
6. Michigan Judicial Institute (M.J.I.)
7. Michigan State University (M.S.U.) Department of Electrical Engineering
8. Michigan State University (M.S.U.) Highway Traffic Safety Programs, Lifelong Education
9. Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (P.A.C.C.)
10. Michigan Department of Management and Budget (D.M.B.)
11. Office of Highway Safety Planning (O.H.S.P.)
12. City of Detroit Police Department (D.P.D.)
13. Michigan State Police (M.S.P.) Special Operations Division, Traffic Services Section
14. Michigan Law Enforcement Training Director's Association (M.L.E.T.D.A.)

This list has changed over the years to reflect the changing needs of the Task Force, as well as the changing interests of various segments of the radar speed enforcement community. Each organization represented on the Task Force was requested to designate an individual to participate in formal Task Force activities. The latest Task Force membership roster is available by contacting the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The Michigan Speed Measurement Task Force reports directly to the Office of Highway Safety Planning and operates under a formal set of bylaws. A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are selected annually from the Task Force's membership. In addition, it has four standing committees: Technical Committee, Training Committee, Adjudicative Committee, and Steering Committee. The Task Force Chairperson appoints the chairpersons of each of these committees. The Steering Committee, which is composed of the Task Force's Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, as well as the chairpersons of the other three committees, serves to facilitate the coordination of overall Task Force activities.

From an operational point of view, the Task Force functions as follows: the four individual committees study, evaluate and report to the Task Force as a whole on matters related to their specific area of expertise. Interaction between the various committees is encouraged, where appropriate. The Steering Committee reviews the progress of the other three committees and offers them suggestions or assistance, when appropriate. The Task Force, as a whole, meets at least once a year, but more typically two or three times a year, to review the status of radar speed enforcement in the state and to consider specific recommendations brought forth by the various committees.

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Invited guests and visitors often attend Task Force meetings in order to facilitate the sharing of information with others. To further the dissemination of information throughout the criminal justice system and to the public, Task Force representatives present talks at various criminal justice meetings, seminars and workshops; develop press releases related to Task Force activities; grant interviews to the news media; and answer questions posed by the public regarding all aspects of radar speed enforcement.